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INFO AMEMBASSY ASUNCION

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LIMA

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY OSLO

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION TO EC COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO TAX VEGETABLE,  
FISH AND MARINE OILS

REF: (A) OSLO 3590 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 172249 (NOTAL)

1. A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES HAVE BEGUN TO PROTEST THE EC COMMISSION'S  
PROPOSAL FOR A TAX ON VEGETABLE AND MARINE OILS, REF. B.

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THE BRAZILIANS HAVE SPEAR-HEADED AN EFFORT AMONGST THE LATIN

AMERICAN GROUP, WHICH HAS NOW REACHED AGREEMENT ON AN AIDE MEMOIRE TO BE PRESENTED TO EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES ON JULY 28 BY A NUMBER OF LATIN AMERICAN AMBASSADORS. THE AIDE MEMOIRE (COPY BEING SENT TO CASEY EUR/RPE) PROTESTS IN STRONG TERMS THE IMPOSITION OF THE TAX AS CONTRARY TO THE GATT AND TO THE COMMUNITY'S POLICY OF CONTRIBUTING TO AN EXPANSION OF WORLD TRADE ESPECIALLY FOR EXPORTS FROM THE LDCS AND AS THREATENING, SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS ON THE MULTI-LATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. THE LATIN AMERICAN WILL CLAIM THAT THE PRODUCTS INVOLVED REPRESENT \$1.5 BILLION OF THEIR ANNUAL EXPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY, AND THEIR NOT CLOSES WITH THE HOPE THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL FIND SOME WAY TO HANDLE ITS DAIRY PROBLEMS WITHOUT DAMAGING ITS TRADING PARTNERS.

2. THE 5 ASEAN AMBASSADORS CALLED ON SOAMES LAST WEEK TO PRESENT WHAT ONE ASEAN DIPLOMAT DESCRIBED TO US AS A MILD ORAL PROTEST, WHICH THE AMBASSADORS WILL SUBSEQUENTLY SUPPLEMENT WITH AN AIDE MEMOIRE.

3. THE NORWEGIAN MISSION HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY HAVE JUST PRESENTED A STRONG NOTE TO THE COMMISSION BASED ON THE FACT THAT ALL OF NORWAY'S MARINE OILS ARE SOLD TO THE COMMUNITY.

4. AN EFFORT BY THE BRAZILIAN MISSION HERE TO ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF THE IVORY COAST AMBASSADOR IN THIS CAMPAIGN TURNED OUT TO BE UNSUCCESSFUL. THE IVORY COAST AMBASSADOR REFUSED TO BELIEVE THAT THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL WOULD AFFECT IVORIAN EXPORTS.

5. IN ANSWER TO REFTTEL A, THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL DOES NOT MENTION FISH MEAL.HINTON

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